



# Land Acknowledgement of the Great Barrington Libraries

Related to our mission of supporting and fostering learning through the dissemination of knowledge, the Great Barrington Libraries acknowledge that the lands on which our buildings stand are the traditional lands of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican People. We acknowledge the painful history of dispossession and forced removal from this territory, and we honor and respect the many diverse Indigenous peoples still connected to this land on which we gather. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the people who have stewarded it throughout the generations. We commit to continuing to learn how to become better caretakers of the land we inhabit, to understand the history and traditions of those who cared for it before us, and to learn from the successes and failures of preceding generations.

*Adopted by the Library Trustees on January 18, 2022*